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Schematic representation of the applied human and mouse alternative macrophage activation protocols. (A) Schematic representation of human CD14+ monocyte isolation from peripheral blood and the experimental conditions of macrophage differentiation as well as alternative macrophage activation. (B) Schematic representation of mouse bone marrow isolation and bone marrow-derived macrophage differentiation in the absence or presence of IL-4. (C) Schematic representation of parasite implantation-induced *in vivo* alternative macrophage activation in mice.